



WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 13, 1907.

PERNIX and poorly dressed a young man, who says he is a member of the Paris Bourse and the son of a rich woman in France, is at the Hebrew Sheltering Home for Immigrants in New York, waiting, like Micawber, for "something to turn up." He is, he declares, David Beveniste, twenty-seven, "broke," it is true, but too proud and sensitive to reveal his condition even to his wife, who dwells with his four-month-old son in a fine home in the Rue Saulnier, Paris. Beveniste said he inherited a fortune through his father and squandered over \$100,000 on the Paris Bourse, and concealing the true state of his fortunes from his wife and mother he came to America to recoup his fortunes and then return to Paris. He brought a considerable sum of money to this country with him, all of which was stolen while he was asleep and he was turned out of his boarding house penniless. Beveniste speaks French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and the Arabic of Tunis and reads German. The unfortunate young man will find it an uphill business in making a fortune among the sharks of New York.

MANY noteworthy sermons have been preached by the Rev. Dr. H. Allen Tupper during his pastorate of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, in Brooklyn, but probably none of them has aroused more attention and comment than the epilogue to his discourse of last Sunday night. This was a simple declaration that hereafter he would never receive, directly, one cent for the preaching of the Gospel. It is said that this is probably the first time in the history of Brooklyn that one of its ministers had voluntarily relinquished his salary. It is said that Mr. Tupper has an income which enables him to devote the salary given him as pastor to the work of the church. Goldsmith in his immortal "Vicar of Wakefield" makes the hero of his novel relinquish his salary as a rector. Truth is often as strange as fiction.

THE New York Bible Society is again actively engaged in placing copies of the Bible in the rooms of New York hotels, which is a commendable work, and doubtless accomplishes much good in a quiet way. Years ago copies of the Bible could be found in every room of a hotel in that city, as well as on racks on railroad trains entering or leaving New York. Apart from furnishing hotels with copies of the good book, the society is endeavoring to supply each immigrant who reaches New York with a copy of the Bible in his mother tongue, and men are employed at Ellis Island to distribute the Scriptures to all foreigners. Another agent of the society visits the vessels in the harbor, supplying the seamen with Bibles.

A VICTIM of an exclusive peanut diet is reported in Fremont, Neb. Because scientists have reported that peanuts contained all the elements necessary to sustain life, Archie Vinuto attempted to live by eating nothing but peanuts, with the result that he died of exhaustion yesterday after a week's gober diet. At the end of four days Vinuto became insane, and was placed in a hospital. He had absolutely refused to eat anything but peanuts nor drink anything but water.

THE American liner Noordland, from Liverpool, has arrived at Philadelphia. She brought 707 passengers, a number of them English farmers bound to Virginia, whose coming had been brought about by the Commissioner of Agriculture of this State. This kind of immigration is what will build up Virginia, which is an agriculture State, and needs farmers and farm hands to develop her kindly soil.

THE ARROWS of Cupid and Death are still badly mixed, according to a dispatch from Lowell, Mass. Henry C. Wilder, aged ninety-five years, was united in marriage Monday night to Esther Crawford, ninety years old, in that city. Two ministers vied in proclaiming the couple man and wife. They have known each other only two weeks. It is said to have been a case of love at first sight.

From Washington.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. Washington, Nov. 12. Mrs. Anna Bradley indicted for the murder of former Senator Brown, of Utah, went to her trial today more self-possessed than she has been since the time her ordeal drew near. Much difficulty is expected by the attorneys of the case in securing the jury. With the special venire ordered by Justice Stafford, there were 125 men available when court opened but it is doubtful if these will be sufficient. All of the witnesses, including Max Brown, son of the man whom Mrs. Bradley shot, are now in Washington. After the jury is secured, it is expected that the trial will go on rapidly. It is understood that Dr. W. M. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, will be one of the witnesses for the defense. The day following the shooting, Dr. White, at the solicitation of a local attorney re-

tained by the friends of Mrs. Bradley, examined her for evidence of insanity. The conclusions he reached have not yet been made known. Among the witnesses through whose testimony attorneys for the defense hope to establish hereditary tendency to insanity, is Lyman Shrewsbury, Mrs. Bradley's uncle by marriage. He asserts that Mrs. Bradley's aunt became violently insane, and developed homicidal mania. Mrs. Bradley entered the room quietly, after the court was in session, and seated herself immediately back of her attorneys, within a few feet of Max Brown. The court room was crowded with talemen and witnesses, who at once became interested in the case. Of the curious crowd which filled the corridors of the court building, none was permitted to enter. The trial commenced at 10 a. m., and the examination of talemen for the jury was begun at once. During the course of the session the defense exercised the right of peremptory challenge four times, and the prosecution five times. As twenty challenges are allowed each side, it is not likely that the work of selecting the jury will be completed for two days at least. Keen examination by the government attorneys is eliminating all talemen who have the slightest disposition to admit the value of the so-called "unwritten law."

The following jurors were tentatively accepted as a result of the preliminary examination. James S. Feeney, publisher; Fritz Herzog, saloon-keeper; Henry Bredikamp, barber; Frank M. Hodges, merchant; William J. Thomas, student (colored); Haywood Hicks, grocer (colored); Charles B. Althoff, grocer; William E. Reis, brickmaker; Daniel Crumbaugh, real estate; F. S. Iseman, tinner; John M. Abbott, grocer; James Nash, ice-dealer. With one exception these prospective jurors are married.

"In God We Trust" will not be upon any United States coin designed in the future, if the President can prevent the use of that motto. He has written a letter on the subject, copies of which are now being mailed to all correspondents who have sent him protests on the absence of the words on the new gold pieces. In order to make his position on the subject perfectly plain to all the people, Secretary Loebe today gave out copies of the letter, in which, among other things the President says: "My own feeling in the matter is due to my very firm conviction that to put such a motto on coins, or to use it in any kind of manner, not only does no good, but does positive harm, and is in effect a reverence which comes dangerously close to superstition. A beautiful and solemn sentiment such as the one in question should be treated and uttered only with that fine reverence which necessarily implies a certain exaltation of spirit. Any use which tends to cheapen it, and, above all, any use which tends to secure its being treated in a spirit of levity, is from every standpoint profoundly to be regretted."

Information is being gathered by government officials to be used in support of the proposed recommendation of Postmaster General Meyer to Congress for the establishment of postal savings banks. It is believed that the President in his message to Congress will give his approval to the postal savings banks and at the same time give the private savings banks and trust companies a dig. A consular representative has reported that "one of the greatest aids to the financial power of France, with its annual investing surplus of \$350,000,000 to \$500,000,000 is the facility with which the people can invest their small savings with absolute security." In New Zealand the postal savings bank system has been adopted with the most gratifying success, according to Col. W. A. Pickett of Auckland. He figures out that should the banks be patronized in the same ratio in America that the total deposits would amount to \$4,600,000,000. The Fifth Sterling Steel Company, the new independent armor and projectile manufacturing located in the District of Columbia, was the lowest bidder for most of \$3,000,000 worth of projectiles advertised for by the Navy Department, proposals being opened by Rear Admiral Mason, chief of ordnance, this afternoon.

Ten o'clock on the morning of the 16th of December is the hour set apart for the departure of the fleet of sixteen battleships from Hampton Roads on their voyage to the Pacific. Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou will leave for New York this afternoon to look over the financial situation, and to deliver an address tomorrow afternoon before the Merchants Association.

The President gave a luncheon this afternoon in honor of the delegates to the Central American Peace Conference. Judge Advocate General Diehl, of the navy, in his annual report urged that Congress provide additional naval prison accommodations.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Lillian Lynn Robertson and Mr. S. W. McCarthy, were married at Delaplane yesterday. St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Richmond, has entered a vigorous protest against the elimination of "In God We Trust" from gold coins turned out at the United States Mint.

The Federation of Labor in Norfolk, yesterday, decided to make a campaign for a universal eight-hour day and to raise a "war" fund of \$1,500,000, with which to fight the National Association of Manufacturers.

The Newbitt, a steamboat used to carry mail, passengers and freight between Irvington and Urbanna, on the Rappahannock, was destroyed by fire Sunday night while lying in the harbor at Irvington. The boat was owned by H. C. Bayton, Irvington and was valued at \$14,000.

Delegates from all over the south attended the 14th annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which opened at Jamestown today. Addresses were made by Lieutenant Governor Elyson, of Virginia, and Mrs. George Henderson, of Mississippi, president of the Confederacy.

The village of Heathsville was visited on last Monday night by a disastrous fire, which originated at the old Tignor store, occupied by H. C. Rowe. From there the fire spread to the law office of Hugh Smith and thence to the store of L. R. Betts, both buildings being entirely destroyed, but the contents were saved.

George A. Frost, the artist, died suddenly in Cambridge, Mass., today from heart trouble while riding to his studio on a trolley car. He was sixty years old.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Judge Barley to Preside. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Va., Nov. 13.—Governor Swanson today designated Judge Barley, of Alexandria, to hold a part of the November term of the Rockingham Circuit Court to try cases in which Judge Haas cannot with propriety.

The Kaiser's Reception in London. London, Nov. 13.—If socialist or anarchistic demonstrations were planned against the Kaiser today, the authorities' elaborate precautions rendered them impossible. Wilhelm and the Kaiserin rode through the streets from Paddington station to the Guildhall, where the city of London entertained them at luncheon, between solid ranks of troops and to the cheering of good-natured and enthusiastic crowds. Now and then the crowd shouted "Hello Willie," or "Good old Bill," but nowhere was there a sign of hostility to Germany. The Kaiser was obviously pleased with his welcome. He touched his military cap repeatedly and smiled at the funny men's personalities. The streets were elaborately decorated in the British and German colors. At the Guildhall a large tent had been pitched and under this canopy the Kaiser received an address of welcome enclosed in a gold casket. Then he and the Kaiserin escorted by the Prince and Princess of Wales and Sir John Balfour, the Lord Mayor, entered the Guildhall and sat down to luncheon. In his speech at Guildhall the Emperor proclaimed his desire to follow the paths of peace. The return trip to Paddington station was made with the same elaborate precautions and the same marks of friendliness from the spectators.

London, Nov. 13.—Fierce rioting occurred in the streets this afternoon between strong bodies of police and throngs of socialists bent on a demonstration against the Kaiser.

The outbreak was preceded by a monster meeting, mainly of unemployed working men, on Tower Hill, at which "Jack" Williams, the socialist leader, delivered an address fiercely exhorting the city authorities for banqueting a foreign ruler while thousands of Englishmen starve in the streets. Among other things Williams said: "There is but one way for us to disband the army of the unemployed. We must cease to respect property. Until property is endangered society will not listen to us." From Tower Hill Williams led the procession toward the Guildhall. A body of police met them, however, and on being turned aside the throng hurried in the direction of St. Paul's, hoping to intercept the Kaiser's procession on its way to the station. More police barred their way and when the socialists attempted to force their way through the line, drew their maces and began beating the demonstrators back by main force. After several men had been knocked unconscious the crowd was finally compelled to turn aside and completed its demonstration by a parade.

Banker Causes Death of Wife and Lover.

Rome, Nov. 13.—Banker Bertoni, many times a millionaire, was arrested today for killing his wife and a rich admirer of the latter named Zerbati because he believed the woman was fonder of Zerbati than she should have been and that her affection was reciprocated. Zerbati and Bertoni's wife were found dead early today in the road leading from the former's villa at the suburb of Albano to Rome. Both were nearly beheaded. Across the highway, between two trees, was a tightly stretched wire against which they had dashed as they rode from the villa together in Zerbati's automobile. The car was wrecked in a ditch at the roadside. Bertoni admits that the killing and says he is rather proud, in fact, of the skill with which it was arranged. A fall in the darkness over a grave in the grounds suggested the idea he sought. Cutting off a length of the wire with which the vine was bound to the trees, he fastened it across the roadway at the right height, as he figured, to catch Zerbati and his own wife across the necks as they motored past. Then he waited quietly in the shadows by the roadside until the automobile appeared. The night was dark. The wire tore both occupants of the car from their seats, and the automobile, unguided, plunged into the ditch and upset. Bertoni satisfied himself that both his victims were dead and coolly returned to Rome. Passers-by found the corpses in the roadway where the banker had left them.

Raid on Lottery.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Successful raids on what is believed to be the biggest lottery business in the United States were made early today. United States Secret Service agents and assistants in the District Attorney's office today are trying to ascertain to what extent the express companies of the country are involved. Thousands of tickets, checks and returns from agents and all other lottery paraphernalia were taken in the raid. D. H. Jones, alias D. H. Kinsama, who has been active in the management of the concern since 1885, was arrested at the Great Northern Hotel, where he has been keeping up an expensive suite of apartments. He is said by the Secret Service men to act as go-between for men wealthy in the game. Several other persons have also been placed under arrest.

Girl Students Injured by Explosion. East Greenwich, R. I., Nov. 13.—Two girl students are dying, a third was painfully injured and many had narrow escapes from death in a boiler explosion and fire in the Greenwich Academy's new Eastman dormitory early today. The terrific blast tore out the entire end of the building in which the girls were sleeping. Many of them were thrown from their beds by the shock. The flames burst so quickly from the debris that several were unable to escape down the blazing stairways and were forced to leap from second story windows. All were in their night clothes and a number fell unconscious from terror and exposure to the chilling wind. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

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Attempts to Check Panic.

Lisbon, Portugal, Nov. 13.—In the hope of checking the financial panic which threatens the prosperity of trade throughout Portugal, the government is reported to be about to issue \$10,000,000 in paper, without increasing the metallic reserve. The run on many small financial institutions have already been at least temporarily stopped through assistance from the Bank of Portugal. Numerous commercial houses have been forced to suspend, however, owing to the difficulty in discounting trade bills. Foreign gold coins, which was at par November 1st, is now at 10 percent premium.

Miner Rescued.

Mahonoy City, Pa., Nov. 13.—To the great surprise and joy of this entire community, Michael McCabe, the miner entombed in the Draper Mine at Gilberton, and thought to be hopelessly buried, was rescued today. After living five days on mine oil as his only food and drink he was taken out limp and weak, but still conscious and apparently not seriously affected by his long imprisonment.

Explosion of Torpedo Works.

Bradford, O., Nov. 13.—The nitro glycerine plant of the I. E. Dupont Nemours Powder Company located a mile east of this place, was completely demolished by an explosion this morning. Two employees were blown to pieces, and two other workmen were injured so badly that they are expected to die. The loss to the company will be heavy.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Nov. 13.—A weakness in the market was the chief feature of the day's trading. The market opened with a general decline in prices in the early trading today. There was some aggressive short selling at the start that was accompanied by scattered liquidation causing general weakness in the early part of the first hour with losses ranging from fractions to about one point. When an effort was made to cover shorts, however, prices rallied slightly. The market was almost at a standstill after the first hour, but the tone was firm and on slow advances nearly all of the early losses were recovered.

News of the Day.

The Walsh jury was completed in Chicago at noon today.

Senator Tillman says Cannon and Bryan will lead the opposing presidential tickets next year.

The Duches of Marlborough yesterday visited the Tombs prison, in New York, and talk with some of the prisoners.

Attorney-General Bonaparte has appointed James A. Cobb, a negro, as a special Assistant United States Attorney in Washington.

Millionaire John C. Dueber, the watch manufacturer, who died recently, tied up his estate to prevent the watch trust getting control of it.

Anna Held, the comedienne, starring in "The Parisian Model," is dangerously ill at the Hotel Majestic in Philadelphia a victim of pneumonia.

A dispatch from Rome says the Queen of Italy has given birth to a daughter. Both mother and daughter are doing well. The Princess will be named Giovanni.

Additional gold to relieve the New York financial situation was brought from Europe today by the White Star liner Oceanic which carried \$8,000,000 in her strong box.

George C. Antkam was yesterday appointed by President Roosevelt a justice of the peace for the District of Columbia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lewis L. O'Neal.

Judge Rosalesky, in the Court of General Sessions in New York, today granted a postponement of the pleading of Raymond Hitchcock, to the six indictments against him, until next Tuesday.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra entertained the German Emperor and Empress at a State dinner at Windsor Castle yesterday. Speeches expressing a desire for most cordial relations between the two countries were exchanged.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union is willing that football shall be played. Permission was expressed in its national convention at Nashville, Tenn., yesterday, when a resolution recommending that the game be abolished was voted down.

J. D. Deveraux, of Buffalo, N. Y., traveling salesman; Roy Wonderly, elevator operator, and John Murphy, bell boy, are dying today as a result of an elevator accident at the McKinley Hotel, at Canton, O. Deveraux and Wonderly have broken backs.

The Hotel Castellon, at St. George, Staten Island, was burned last night. The loss is estimated at nearly \$200,000, fully covered by insurance. Detectives today are working hard to discover the cause of the fire, which is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

A dispatch from Cleveland, Ohio, says that as a result of the money stringency, the Royal Motor Car Company has been placed in the hands of the Superior Saving and Trust Company, as receivers, by Federal Judge Taylor. The company employs 400 men there and has a yearly business of \$1,500,000.

Taking every round by a wide margin Sam Langford whipped young Peter Jackson last night in their 20 round bout, at Los Angeles, Cal. In the ninth round Langford's seconds nearly started a riot by using an American flag to wipe the perspiration from Langford. A fight was started, but so stopped.

Astronomers throughout the country will watch the sun with interest tomorrow, Thursday, morning, when the transit of Mercury is scheduled to occur. Promptly at 6:23 o'clock, the planet will begin its journey across the face of the sun. The phenomenon, from start to finish, will occupy about three hours and a half, although for this vicinity the first part will be observed, by reason of the fact that the sun will rise not before 6:50, an hour and a half after Mercury comes on the scene.

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor was held in Washington yesterday. General Master Workman Simon Burns, of Pittsburg, in submitting his report, said: "The day of strikes among the laboring classes is passed. The laborer must look for another weapon with which to better his condition." Mr. Burns said he thought a better weapon would be a careful exercise of the ballot. He believed the laboring men of this country should unite in one grand political organization for political control. Labor organizations, he contended, would never be successful until they unite and vote like socialists for men who have been tried and understood their wants.

City Council.

A comparatively small volume of business was transacted at the regular meeting of the City Council last night.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mr. Sweeney, from the joint committees on public property and general laws, reported in favor of selling two lots of ground near the old canal outlet, belonging to the city, at \$100 for one and \$500 for the other.

The report was adopted, but the lower board returned the same non-concurred in and the paper recommended that the committee request the Corporation Attorney to prepare an ordinance for the sale of the property on the terms recommended by the committee.

The Aldermen receded from their action and concurred in that of the Common Council.

Mr. Sweeney, from the finance committee, also reported favorably on a resolution appropriating \$200 for repairs to the Common Council chamber. The report was adopted.

There seemed to be a misunderstanding regarding the report of the committee on general laws on a resolution inquiring into the validity of the position of Police Justice, of this city, submitted at the last meeting and adopted by the Aldermen. Some supposed the opinion of the Corporation Attorney had been procured. Such, however, was not the case, the committee having merely quoted the law as the subject.

Mr. Field, from the committee on general laws, who had submitted the report, moved that the messenger be sent to the chamber of the Common Council with the request that the paper be returned to the Aldermen. The motion was adopted and the report was returned, the Common Council having laid it on the table at the last meeting.

The Aldermen subsequently reconsidered their action in adopting the report and recommended the resolution in order to allow the committee an opportunity to procure an opinion from the Corporation Attorney.

The report of the committees on finance and schools appropriating \$1,500 for the use of the City School Board was received from the Common Council and laid over under the rules.

After the Aldermen had concurred in the action of the lower board on all the papers sent in, Mr. Bill, from the lower board, appeared in the chamber bearing an invitation from the Common Council to join them in a joint session for the purpose of filling vacancies in the School Trustees caused by the expiration of the terms of service of Messrs. L. Stabler, A. H. Thomson, W. J. Booth and Dr. W. M. Smith.

Mr. Ballenger moved that the board decline the invitation, and that the joint session to fill the vacancies be held two weeks hence. He spoke against the present mode of procedure in electing officers without previous notice to the community or Council. Nobody knew of vacancies until members of Council were called upon to participate in filling them. He was opposed to such action, as other men in the city might desire the position to be filled. The present mode of operating made it possible to elect only certain persons, as there was no time for others to appear as candidates.

Mr. Hill, after propounding several queries concerning the mode of announcing such vacancies and filling them, seconded Mr. Ballenger's motion.

A discussion which was participated in by nearly all the members followed, during which it was shown that the members of the School Board generally succeeded themselves, often for many years, and that there were no contests for the positions.

It was also suggested that those gentlemen whose terms have expired might suppose from reading the proceedings of the Aldermen that the city fathers were not satisfied with their services, which were rendered gratuitously, and desired an opportunity to vote for other men.

Mr. Ballenger said Councilmen received no pay for their services, and should any man elected a School Trustee fail to qualify by becoming piqued at Council deferring election, there were plenty of good men in the city who would take their places.

Mr. Hill reiterated that more time should be given Councilmen to prepare for all such elections.

A vote was finally taken on Mr. Ballenger's motion and it was adopted, notwithstanding a unanimous vote.

Mr. Ballenger said about seven months ago he introduced a resolution looking toward the improvement of Orleans street from Pitt to St. Asaph. It seemed to have been pigeon-holed by the committee on streets. He saw no reason why resolutions presented by him should be hung up by the committee. A report of some sort should be made.

Mr. Marbury, from the committee on streets, stated that there was no purpose on the part of the committee to pigeon-hole Mr. Ballenger's resolution. Other and more extensive work now in progress caused the delay.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Council was called to order shortly before 8 o'clock. Upon motion of Mr. Williams the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The light committee reported favorably on petitions for gas lamps at the intersection of Duke and Fayette streets with the stipulation that some responsible party will look after them. The report was adopted.

The committee on finance and schools recommended that the sum of \$1,500 be appropriated to meet the deficit in the school appropriation, and the report was adopted. The same committee reported that the matter of the erection of a new school building for girls was not urgent.

Council adopted this report also. Mr. L. E. Uhler presented a letter from Col. F. H. Ficklin concerning the night school. In the letter Col. Ficklin stated that the school opened October 14 and commenced work October 16 with an enrollment of ten pupils. The total number, it was stated, had been eighteen, with five dropped, leaving thirteen now in attendance. It was further stated that the average age of the pupils in attendance is fifteen years. The school, it was stated, is being operated most successfully.

At the request of the Board of Aldermen the paper concerning the legality

Out of Sight.

"Out of sight, out of mind," in an old saying which applies with special force to a sore, burn or wound that has been treated with Bucklin's Arnica Salve. It's out of sight, out of mind and out of existence. Piles, too, and chilblains disappear under its healing influence. Guaranteed by Druggists, 25c.

of the appointment of a Police Justice for this city which was sent to this board at the last meeting was returned to the higher board.

Upon motion of Mr. Bill it was decided to give each member of the City Council twenty-five copies of "Historic Alexandria," recently purchased by the city, for distribution.

A petition of sundry property owners calling attention to the imperfect drainage of Columbus street between Wolfe and Wilkes streets was referred to the committee on streets.

A communication was received from the clerk of the City School Board, stating that vacancies now exist in the board caused by the expiration of the terms of Messrs. Laurence Stabler, first ward; A. H. Thomson, second ward; W. J. Booth, third ward, and Dr. W. M. Smith, fourth ward. Mr. Bill moved that council go into a joint session to fill the vacancies. The Board of Aldermen, however, declined the invitation and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

In reference to the communication from Mr. George D. Hopkins, secretary and treasurer of the Old Dominion Glass Company, desiring to purchase two lots owned by the city situated near the old canal locks, the joint committee on finance, general laws and public property recommended that the property be sold to the glass company for the sum of \$100 and \$500 respectively.

Mr. Marshall "Yes, sir."

The Chair—"I don't think we can do so."

Mr. Marshall gave a description of the property desired by the company. He stated that they simply desire to secure the property to protect themselves.

The Chair—"Is it the purpose of council to sell the property by this resolution?"

Mr. Marshall—"The committee held a conference with the corporation attorney and it was on his advice we acted."

Mr. Monroe—"It was stated at a recent meeting that a former council had sold one-half a square of ground."

Mr. Uhler—"It was sold before the new constitution went into effect."

The Chair then explained that according to the new constitution it could not be sold unless by an ordinance, and that the property could not be leased for a period longer than thirty years.

Mr. Williams stated that he had discussed the matter with an attorney and that the attorney had stated to him that it could be sold according to a committee's report.

Another statement concerning the piece of property was made by Mr. Marshall, who stated that Mr. Hopkins said he would not take the property as a gift, but that he simply desired it to restrain people from extorting money from him. For that reason, Mr. Marshall stated, the committee rendered a favorable report and he hoped council would pass it.

Mr. Williams said he didn't know of any one who wanted to stop the matter; what the company desired was simply a ditch, and he moved that Council concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen, who reported favorably.

The Chair explained that no property was ever conveyed by Council on a simple resolution. He was of the opinion that the matter should go through the proper channels.

Mr. Leachester suggested that the matter be recommitted and finally upon his motion the matter was recommitted to the committee and the Corporation Attorney was instructed to draw up a suitable ordinance for the sale of the property and Council non-concurred in the action of the Aldermen.

Mr. Marshall then stated that the committee wanted to act on the matter in a right and satisfactory manner.

The committee on finance and public property recommended that the sum of \$200 instead of \$250 be appropriated for the improvement of the Council chamber and their report was adopted.

Mr. Uhler stated that he would like to amend the resolution so as to include the office of the clerk of the gas works, but he did not push his amendment.

The action of the Aldermen in recommending the resolution of Councilman Evans to look into the legality of the appointment of a Police Justice for this city was concurred in.

Mr. Marshall stated that certain city officials had come in for considerable adverse criticism owing to the fact that the work of improving the office of the clerk of the Corporation Court had not been commenced. He explained that the sinking fund commission were responsible for the delay owing to the fact that they had a tenant occupying the east wing of the market house lease would not expire until April next. It was stated that the work will be commenced when the tenant vacates. Mr. Marshall also stated that it was through no fault of the City Engineer or the public property committee that the work was delayed.

Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held November 12, 1907, there were present: J. R. N. Curtin, eqy, President, and Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Sweeney and Sumners.

Mr. Sweeney, from the joint Committee on Finance, General Laws and Public Property, to whom a petition of George D. Hopkins, secretary and treasurer of the Old Dominion Glass Works, for the purchase of two lots belonging to the city had been referred, reported in favor of selling the one north of the north side of the building line on Montgomery street for \$100, and the half square bounded by Fairfax, Lee, Montgomery and Milson streets for \$500. The report was adopted, but it was subsequently returned by the Common Council, that board having recommended the petition with a request that the Corporation Attorney prepare an ordinance providing for the sale of the property on the terms recommended by the committee. The Aldermen receded from their action and concurred in that of the Common Council.

Mr. Sweeney, from the Finance Committee, to whom a resolution appropriating \$250 for repairs to the chamber of the Common Council had been referred, reported in favor of appropriating \$200 for the purpose. The report was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Sweeney, Sumners and Mr. President—8. Nays, none.

Mr. Field, from the Committee on General Laws, moved that the Common Council be requested to return the report of that committee, submitted at the last meeting and adopted by the Board of Aldermen, inquiring into the validity of the position of Police Justice of this city. His motion was adopted and the paper was returned and recommitted to the Committee on General Laws.

A report of the Committee on Finance and General Laws, recommending an appropriation of \$1,500 for the use of the City School Board in payment of last year's deficit and in increasing the salary of certain teachers, was received from the Common Council and laid over under the rules.

The following were received from the Common Council by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpold Co., Detroit, Mich. Two sizes—50 and \$1.00. E. S. Leachester & Sons, Special Agents, 78

mon Council and their action concurred in by unanimous vote.

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P. Titton of 12 North Snowden, Clerk of the City School Board, called the attention of Council to vacancies in this board.